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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant wishes to bring the prior art references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office.

A concise explanation of the relevance of some of the references is additionally provided as follows:

U.S. Patent 4,440,393 to Smith, Jr. shows a unitary singles stick.

U.S. Patent 4,638,998 to Shannon, Jr. shows a singles stick connected to a net post by an extensible connection, the singles stick itself being unitary and non-extensible.

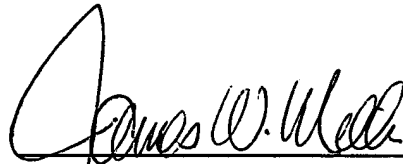
U.S. Patent 4,830,382 to Wheeler shows a volleyball net support system in which the end posts comprise a pair of telescoping standard assemblies 12 and 14. Note also the enlarged foot shown in Fig. 4.

U.S. Patent 4,976,432 to Cheney shows a singles stick which can be assembled from a plurality of sections placed end-to-end. Note the discussion of Cheney in the Background of the Invention section of the above-identified patent application at Page 2, Line 34 - Page 3, Line 20.

A copy of each reference is being provided to the Examiner with this Information Disclosure Statement.

The summaries of the references provided herein are for the Examiner's convenience only. The Examiner should also thoroughly review each reference to independently determine its relevance. It is believed that the claims of the present application are allowable over the cited prior art.

Respectfully submitted,



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